



**AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE ACTION
UNDER THE CONVENTION**

Fifth session

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Agenda item 4

Other matters

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) recalled its conclusion at its fourth session on the work programme for 2009 requesting its Chair to keep the need for additional meeting time in 2009 under review in consultation with Parties, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Executive Secretary, and to propose any action that might need to be taken by the AWG-LCA in a manner that would ensure the effective participation of all Parties, in particular developing country Parties.¹ It noted that its Chair has obtained full information from the Executive Secretary regarding the availability of additional conference facilities and services in 2009 and, on that basis, has initiated consultations with Parties through his scenario note on its fifth session² and completed them during the session, when he had also reported progress to the Bureau of the COP.
2. Having assessed the work required of it to enable the COP to reach an agreed outcome at its fifteenth session in accordance with the Bali Action Plan (decision 1/CP.13), the AWG-LCA determined that the provision of additional meeting time in between the sessions already scheduled up to COP 15³ would facilitate the successful completion of its work. It therefore requested the secretariat to organize, subject to the availability of supplementary funding and of adequate resources for the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process:
 - (a) An informal meeting from 10 to 14 August in Bonn, Germany; and
 - (b) A resumed seventh session of the AWG-LCA from 29 October to 4 November at a location to be announced as soon as possible.⁴

¹ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/17, paragraph 28.

² FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/2.

³ The sixth session of the AWG-LCA will be held in Bonn, Germany, from 1 to 12 June 2009, the seventh session will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 28 September to 9 October 2009 and COP 15 will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 7 to 18 December 2009.

⁴ The secretariat informed the AWG-LCA that conference facilities in Bonn and at other United Nations venues would not be available during that period.

3. The AWG-LCA took note of information provided by the Executive Secretary on the type of conference services normally provided to informal meetings. It confirmed its understanding that:
- (a) The organization of its work at the informal meeting and the resumed seventh session referred to in paragraph 2 above will be decided by the AWG-LCA at its sixth session and the first part of its seventh session, respectively, and will address all aspects of the Bali Action Plan in a balanced manner;
 - (b) Time for regional coordination will be available before and during the above-mentioned meetings;
 - (c) Interpretation will be provided for the informal meeting, on an exceptional basis and without prejudice to the regular practice under the UNFCCC;
 - (d) With regard to the informal meeting, observer organizations and the media will be able to register and attend meetings in accordance with current practice, including that reflected in decision 18/CP.4;
 - (e) Any documents required for the informal meeting or the resumed seventh session will be made available by the secretariat as early as possible, preferably two weeks in advance of the meeting or session for which they are submitted.
4. The AWG-LCA noted that, on account of the informal nature of the meeting to be held from 10 to 14 August, any decisions or conclusions required in advance of the first part of its seventh session pertaining to the organization of that session or to preparatory work for it will need to be reached at its sixth session.
